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Ontario Infrastructure Minister and HKLB MPP Laurie Scott, flanked by Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin, left, and Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry John Yakabuski, speaks at the provincial announcement of a new document, *Protecting People and Property: Ontario's Flood Strategy*, at the Minden Riverwalk on the morning of March 9. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

Province announces flood strategy in Minden

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The provincial government unveiled a new document, *Protecting People and Property: Ontario's Flood Strategy*, in Minden on Monday morning.

Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry John Yakabuski made the announcement alongside Ontario Infrastructure Minister and HKLB MPP Laurie Scott and Minden

Hills Mayor Brent Devolin along Minden's Riverwalk on March 9.

Developed in the wake of severe and widespread flooding throughout Ontario in the spring of 2019, the creation of the strategy included input from municipalities as well as public consultations, and drew on the advice of Doug McNeil, Ontario's special advisor on flooding.

"As our province experiences more frequent extreme weather events, the possibility of serious flooding becomes increasingly likely," Yakabuski said. "That's why our

government has been taking action to protect people and property. We are listening to people across the province who have been affected by floods. Building healthier and safer communities is our No. 1 priority as we build Ontario together."

"We now have a new flood strategy, a long-term plan to make our province better prepared for flooding, better equipped to respond, and more capable for mounting a recovery," Yakabuski continued. "The strategy includes a series of recommendations and enhanced actions that will improve our

collective understanding of flood risks and help make appropriate land use planning decisions."

The strategy, a 40-page document, is divided into five main priority areas. These are understanding flood risks; strengthening governance of flood risks; enhancing flood preparedness; enhancing flood response and recovery; and investing in flood risk reduction.

On understanding flood risks, Yakabuski said, "That means gathering the best science

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and information available and making sure that you, and the governments and agencies that represent you, are aware of the risks related to flooding. This also involves increasing public awareness and education.”

One of the recommended actions in terms of understanding flood risks is enhanced flood mapping.

“Ontario’s Flooding Strategy seeks to advance and enhance flood mapping in Ontario by creating an integrated, sustainable and systematic provincial flood mapping program designed in partnership with municipalities and conservation authorities,” the document reads. “Through implementation of the following activities, sound local decisions will be able to be made on current data and mapping.”

Those activities include the establishment of a multi-agency flood mapping technical team, developing a multi-year approach to updating flood mapping, maintaining flood-related foundational geospatial data; establishing a provincial elevation mapping program; and updating provincial standards for flood mapping.

“To support effective and consistent approaches to flood mapping and provide support and guidance to the community of mapping practitioners in Ontario, the province will incorporate advancements in flood surveying and mapping technologies including new and emerging data acquisition methods, by developing standards to ensure the consistency and accuracy of flood and other water-related hazard mapping across the province, regardless of the data acquisition methods employed,” the document reads. It includes recommendations to “examine the suitability of consolidating survey and mapping guidance for the purpose of addressing all water-related natural hazards,” as well as to, “explore opportunities to standardize mapping content and cartographic requirements for existing and any new formats of flood mapping.”

Increasing public awareness and education is also a recommendation under the priority of understanding flood risks. The strategy reads that the provincial government will, “create a public education and outreach program designed to help Ontarians understand the risks they face and steps that they can take to prepare – including creating a central provincial website that provides information about flooding and weblinks to publicly available resources.”

The second priority area, strengthening governance of flood risks, includes clarifying the roles and responsibilities of different agencies, such as conservation au-

thorities, and governments involved with the management of floods.

“Flood management is complicated, it involves multiple levels of government, and different partners,” Yakabuski said at Monday’s press conference. “So the strategy will help to clarify the roles and responsibilities of each of the groups involved in flood management in Ontario.”

The document reads: “The province will work with municipalities and conservation authorities to create a regulation under the Conservation Authorities Act outlining mandatory programs and services to be delivered by conservation authorities related to the risk of natural hazards. This could include standards and requirements for the delivery of those programs and services.”

Haliburton County does not sit within the jurisdiction of any conservation authority, however, in 2015, the county in partnership with the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow created the Upper Trent Watershed Management Partnership, a stakeholder advocacy group that brings together experts and politicians from throughout the region, and essentially acts as de facto conservation authority.

Among recommended actions under strengthening the governance of flood risks is the promotion of sound land use planning decisions, including a recommendation to update the Provincial Policy Statement, which sets the foundation for the development of land, to better steer development away from high-risk, flood-prone areas.

“We want to make sure local development is directed away from areas where flooding and erosion is an unacceptable risk,” Yakabuski said.

The strategy’s third priority is enhancing flood preparedness.

“Flooding is a fact of life in Ontario, but by knowing when and where floods are likely to occur, we can be better equipped when it happens,” Yakabuski said. “We can do so by using state-of-the-art science and technology. For example, we are committed to investing \$4.7 million in the stream gauge network, which measures water flow and levels and helps municipalities better prepare for flood events.”

While the strategy suggests that municipalities take advantage of existing provincial funding programs, there was no funding for municipalities specifically tied to the announcement of the strategy.

The strategy also recommends the creation of enhanced flood forecasting and warning systems, and reads that the province will, “implement a federal collaborative climate monitoring agreement between Ontario and other agencies that supports the shar-

ing of weather data and will work towards making this information available in open data form. This agreement includes data from Environment Canada weather stations, MNRF stations, Ministry of Transportation road weather information and some conservation authorities.”

The strategy’s fourth priority is enhancing flood response and recovery.

“This means putting measures in place to improve how we receive and respond to municipal requests for assistance by making our programs more co-ordinated and effective,” Yakabuski said.

Included in the strategy’s recommended activities is that the province will, “finalize the procurement of an emergency management software solution which will make the interaction with communities during times of emergency more efficient. The solution will provide a more effective means of communicating and tracking support requests from municipalities to ensure they are assigned, prioritized and actioned [sic] more quickly.”

Both municipalities and residents that experience property damage as a result of flooding are able to apply for disaster relief assistance from the provincial government.

“Finally, the fifth priority is to invest in flood risk reduction,” Yakabuski said. “This priority aims to promote financial investments that are strategic, and working with the federal government to increase investments in critical areas like mapping and infrastructure.”

In various sections, the strategy mentions seeking increased funding from the federal government.

“It is also incumbent on the federal government to do its part to address the serious of flooding,” the document reads. “Ottawa currently provides funding through the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund. Ontario will engage with the federal government to encourage them to provide additional funding for initiatives like flood mapping and other cost-shared flood mitigation projects through national funding programs such as an updated National Disaster Mitigation Program.”

The strategy mentions in several places increased communication and co-ordination between the three levels of government when it comes to flooding issues, and Yakabuski, Scott and Devolin each spoke about the importance of strengthening partnerships between the federal government, the provincial government, and municipalities.

“We know that in order to succeed, we can’t act alone,” Yakabuski said. “We all have a role to play in becoming better prepared for flooding.”

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Jamie Schmale was also present at Monday’s

announcement, and Scott said that collaboration between the federal and provincial governments had gotten the area through some tough times in the past.

“We recognized over the years, certainly here, in our area in Minden Hills, in the County of Haliburton and respective townships and the north part of Kawartha Lakes, that we needed to look at new approaches to flooding,” Scott said.

Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin said water issues in all parts of the Trent Severn Waterway (the county is part of the feeder system for the nearly 400-kilometre-long canal) are major and ongoing, and that “dealing with them and the changing environment that we have requires partnerships. And we’ve seen an evolution of that partnership with the federal government, with asset renewal, and those funds come into the Trent Severn, but I’m hoping this is the beginning of a new day and a new partnership with our municipal partners, with the MNRF, so that mitigation measures with the ever-changing water levels and environment that we have, that we can protect and look after the interests of all of our taxpayers.”

There is flooding throughout Haliburton County each spring, including a number of years with severe flooding in the past seven years. The Township of Minden Hills declared states of emergency due to flooding in 2013, 2017 and 2019, respectively. Water from nearly 30 lakes throughout the county that are part of the feeder system for the TSW flows through the channel of the Gull River through downtown Minden, and in some years, along with severe property damage, homes have had to be demolished.

Severe flooding in the spring of 2017 also badly damaged the historic Hawk Lake log chute in Algonquin Highlands, and low-lying waterfront properties on many of the feeder and flow-through lakes throughout the county can be prone to spring flooding.

Along with the creation of the Upper Trent Watershed Management Partnership, Haliburton County council has undertaken a LIDAR mapping project, which is still underway. LIDAR, or Light Detection and Ranging, uses a laser-based system to produce extremely detailed topographical images, and those images will provide the basis for detailed, updated flood mapping. The Township of Minden Hills has completed a drainage study of flood-prone areas in the village of Minden, and installed a check valve along the Gull River.

Over the years an improved communications framework has also been created, with reps from the TSW and MNRF having daily conference calls with county politicians during the spring freshet. Flooding typically occurs between mid-April and mid-May.



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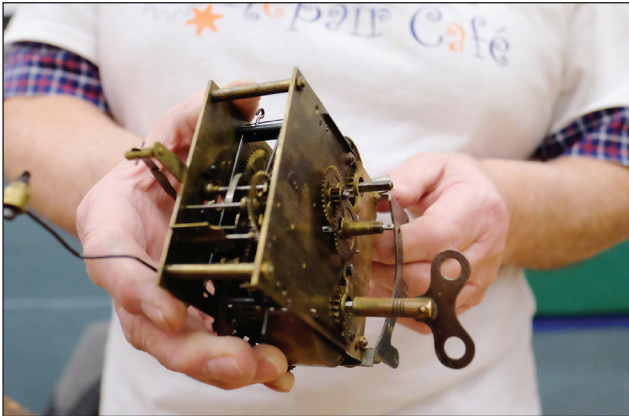


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Volunteer fixer Clifford Harding starts his repair of an antique clock. The clock belongs to Minden resident Rick Whitteker, who said it belonged to his deceased mother and she loved and collected them. He said he brought the clock because it recently just went off, "ding-ding."



Getting their fix
Algonquin Highlands resident Melissa Murray receives some assistance from volunteer fixer Joe Outram at the SIRCH Repair Cafe on March 7 at Archie Stouffer Elementary School. Repair Cafes bring together people with repairing skills with those who have items that need to be fixed. The next Repair Cafe is scheduled for May 2 at the Haliburton high school from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It will return again to Minden's ASES on June 13.
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Tapping into knowledge through maple syrup

by **SUE TIFFIN**
Times Staff

Kindergarten students at Archie Stouffer Elementary School had a sweet adventure on March 3, when parent-volunteer Audrey Collins visited for a maple tree tapping field trip on school property.

“Audrey taught us how to identify maple trees based on their bark because there are no leaves in the late winter/early spring,” said teacher Corinne McArthur. “She also showed us the tools needed to tap trees, collect and create syrup.”

McArthur said students have been reading fiction and non-fiction books and watching short documentaries “to learn the answers to their wondering as they investigate this inquiry.”

Besides learning about the maple syrup collecting process, students had the chance to try a sweet treat in the form of maple taffy.

Kindergarten students at Archie Stouffer Elementary School had the chance to learn about identifying maple trees, and the tools needed in the process of making maple syrup with parent-volunteer Audrey Collins on March 3. /Submitted photo



Kindergarten students at Archie Stouffer Elementary School - including Devereaux - had the chance to learn about identifying maple trees, and the tools needed in the process of making maple syrup.



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Councillors consider AH's septage lagoon

by SUE TIFFIN
Times Staff

Algonquin Highlands will discontinue a municipal class environmental assessment process for the McClintock septage site capacity expansion project after a recommendation from Cambrium Environmental Inc. and township staff to do so, in light of a recommendation to develop septage dewatering trenches.

Stephanie Reeder of Cambrium was at the March 5 council meeting to update council on what had happened to date regarding the expansion project, and offer options for moving forward.

McClintock septage lagoon, a hauled sewage disposal site, has been used by Algonquin Highlands township as an exfiltration lagoon, and was approved under an Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change Environmental Compliance Approval for a maximum volume of septage of 2,470 cubic metres a year.

Municipalities must have capacity within the township to manage the septage produced by residents.

"There must be sufficient capacity to treat septage, either at municipal sewage treatment plants or with viable alternative treatment options," said Reeder, noting that "municipalities often consider alternative septage treatment methods which require significantly less capital investment than upgrading, or constructing, treatment capacity at existing, or new, sewage treatment plants."

Though private sites in the county allow for the township to meet existing needs, capacity at the McClintock lagoon is not

sufficient to meet the needs of Algonquin Highlands residents as per provincial policy, and so Reeder said the township had been looking for a longterm option for an alternative capacity for future needs that can be owned and managed by the township, initiating studies in 2003. A report from those technical studies, assessments and public consultations resulted in an environmental screening report in 2005 that recommended a treatment system to be installed at the Maple Lake landfill. It was determined after assessments at the Maple Lake landfill, however, that the site was not suitable due to factors like soil type and water table, and the project was discontinued.

"Fast forward to 2011, there was some capacity concerns at the existing lagoon, because there's a certain amount of space that is required from the surface of the lagoon to the edge of the berm, and there were some issues because it didn't seem that it was exfiltrating properly so some work was done to try and explore if the lagoon itself was operating properly, and then also what other options the municipality had if they needed additional capacity."

The township purchased geo-tubes, "the idea being that septage would be pumped from the lagoon into these tubes, over time the water would filtrate out of the tubes and solids would be left in the tubes to be disposed of at a landfill."

In 2013, Reeder said a report was presented to council that considered options for optimizing and expanding the site, and recommended an expanded lagoon system or the construction of dewatering trenches – both would require additional MNR lands.

The MOECC recommended trenches as the better methodology, trenches being more environmentally sound.

"The primary purpose of dewatering trenches is to reduce the septage volume by allowing liquid-solids separation by controlled exfiltration into the soil matrix, at approved environmentally acceptable inflow rates," said Reeder's report. "The residue remaining in the trenches after dewatering is removed for disposal at a Ministry-approved waste disposal site."

Trenches were ultimately found to be the most suitable option for expanding capacity and were selected as the preferred alternative.

A municipal class environmental assessment, or MCEA, initiated in 2018 is thus no longer required as trenches fall under waste approval rather than sewage works and are exempt from MCEA requirements, and Cambrium Inc. recommended ceasing the final stage of the process, which a township staff report estimated would cost \$12,000 should council decide to go forward with it.

"Our municipality is on the record repeatedly about being very concerned about the environment, about lake health, about effluent polluting, about phosphates, we've got a great septic re-inspection program, it's very important for us," said Councillor Jennifer Dailloux to Reeder. "You told us that an MCEA is not required. Do you believe we should go ahead and do one anyway because it's the right thing to do?"

"So today, you've done the work," said Reeder. "You've gone through the stage of going through the technical studies, you've done some public consultation. And at this point, it's the final step of the MCEA that

really hasn't been done, which is that report that ultimately combines all of the information into one document."

Reeder said she thought the township had already "done a good job," including in making information available on their website.

"There's a fairly big chunk of money that would pull together that environmental screening report, but it's not going to bring to light anything that's not already been brought forward," she said.

Mayor Carol Moffatt asked if there is still a pressing need to increase capacity now, or if it was something council could take time to do.

Reeder said the process would take time anyway to acquire property for an expansion.

"Do you need it today? I don't think that you need it today," she said. "The lagoon itself has not been utilized significantly in the more recent years because as noted there are some private locations right now where septage can go to, the challenge is that those could be closed tomorrow and then the municipality has nowhere to take their septage ... I would still urge the project to continue, not necessarily tomorrow, but I think it's still something that needs to be kept going."

In response to a question from Deputy Mayor Liz Danielsen about whether the work done would still be relevant if council paused the project, Reeder said she believed it would although might require an update, eventually.

Council agreed to discontinue the municipal class environmental assessment process, proceed with public notification of the discontinuation, and receive further information about estimated costs and requirements for a land purchase for the trenches.

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Accommodation tax

“**W**E NEED A bed tax,” said one attendee of a tourism-focused town hall meeting last week, and he has a point.

That town hall meeting was part of the consultation process for the creation of a destination development plan that a tourism marketing firm is producing for the County of Haliburton.

Many municipalities in many places – and not just those that consider themselves tourist destinations – have accommodation taxes. You may have noticed them appearing as a surcharge on a hotel room bill. The tax need not be a large amount, but the benefits of it could be substantial.

In Ontario, municipalities have had the option of imposing an accommodation tax, referred to as the Municipal Accommodation Tax, or MAT, for a number of years. Under provincial regulations, at least half of the revenue must be allotted to local tourism marketing boards.

Obviously and logically, in communities where the tax has been instituted, there has been some push-back from accommodators. This only makes sense, and presents a political liability for councillors. However, I’m going to suggest that most guests are not going to notice or care about a few extra dollars on their room bill. But a little extra money from a lot of people over the course of the year could provide a considerable amount

of money for tourism promotion, without having to rely on the tax base.

While the option rests with the lower-tier municipalities, within the county, for the sake of fairness, the creation of an accommodation tax could require buy-in from all four municipal councils. Everyone would have to be in to keep the playing field level. Then, revenues from those taxes could be funnelled back to the county’s tourism department, perhaps with a portion allotted for lower-tier economic development initiatives.

One of several issues that arose during last week’s meeting was that the county’s restaurateurs and accommodators

can often have trouble finding adequate numbers of staff, and at least in some cases, that seems to be because prospective staff can’t find suitable and affordable places to live in the county. Among the ideas suggested last week were the development of a workforce development strategy for tourism-related businesses, and an accommodations needs assessment study, both of which would be large, costly projects. Along with increased promotions, perhaps revenues from an accommodation tax could also be used to complete these types of projects.

It’s something the county’s municipal councils should consider.

**CHAD INGRAM**
Reporter

What are you looking at? Tammy Nash took this photo of deer on a sunny day in Algonquin Highlands.

A little syrup

NOW THAT spring is just around the corner, many people have maple syrup on the brain. The good news is this can be fixed if you are a little more careful pouring it.

For maple syrup producers, this is obviously the busiest and most exciting time of year. My personal hope is that they get the conditions they need and that the sap runs steadily. I say this because I have great respect for those who put in all the hours and do all the hard work to create maple syrup. And, I’m not just saying this, because I am looking for the family discount.

Having sung their praises, I’d like to also point out this is the time of year everyone writes about maple syrup producers and their operations. That’s fine, but I think it’s also high time we wrote about the other important part of the equation – the maple syrup consumer.

I happen to run a very successful maple syrup consumer operation and have been doing so for years. Heck, if I can sneak in a second helping of pancakes on Saturday and Sunday, I might even go so far as to say I run one of the biggest operations in the area.

This takes a lot of hard work and, naturally, a lot of people ask me how to get into maple syrup consumption. I’m happy to say, it’s not that complicated.

The most important thing is waiting until the conditions are just right. For maple syrup consumption, this means it should probably be a morning when temperatures aren’t too cold or too hot in the kitchen. The morning should also be relaxed with enough time to make a large stack of pancakes. For most of us that means weekends.

Once the pancakes are made you have to make sure the syrup is running. The biggest obstacle most maple syrup consumers face is a syrup bottle cap that is cemented on by dried syrup. There are many ways to deal with this but I prefer handing the bottle to someone with better grip strength than me. If not, hot water on a cloth helps.

You are probably wondering how you get those bottles of maple syrup in the first place? This is perhaps the most difficult part of the operation. You need to get onto a local maple syrup producer’s list and then

order a reasonable amount, which seems easy until you realize how much overtime you need to work to afford 300 litres of the stuff.

At this point, you can do one of two things, you can either decide to scale down your consumption or get a second job. Obviously, one of those choices takes far too much effort. But, don’t kid yourself, getting a second job is not exactly easy

either.

The other thing that’s important in the maple syrup consumption business is knowing a few important phrases like, “Sorry kids, I think we ran out of syrup,” or “If you think that’s good, you should really try this store brand corn syrup. Go on, have as much as you like.”

Lastly, it never hurts to send your maple syrup producer nice notes throughout the year just to let them know you are thinking about them and, if you are low on the list, perhaps a few dozen roses or a vintage bottle of wine. The notes should be complimentary, full of admiration and sentimentality. The only thing I wouldn’t do is make them sappy. Sap is the last thing they want to deal with in the off season.

**STEVE GALEA**
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Giving up the news

I STRUGGLED THIS year with what to give up during Lent. Lent is the roughly six-week period of penitential preparation leading into the Christian celebration of Easter. During Lent many Christians abstain from something they enjoy, as a way of focusing on the meaning of Easter.

Others, not necessarily following religious practices, find the Lenten period a good time to give up something as an exercise in self-control.

I considered giving up following the news, a daily habit that would take some effort to stop.

Then I read a piece by Margaret Renkl, a *New York Times* contributing opinion writer, who I enjoy because she is a fine writer with a good sense of the outdoors. Ms. Renkl also thought about giving up the news for Lent, then decided that responsible people in a democracy cannot afford the luxury of tuning out what is happening around them.



JIM POLING SR.

From Shaman's Rock

She is right, of course, but I had another reason for not giving up the news: I realized that it might be more of a comfort than a sacrifice. Not reading or hearing about the violence, political pandemonium and general mayhem infecting our world would be a relief.

Then came a thought offering a different approach. What if instead of giving up something, I took up something?

I needed to think about this so went to the best thinking place – the woods.

As I walked, a glimmer caught my eye. It came from a stand of maples off to my right and I walked over to investigate.

The glimmer was sunlight hitting drops of sap running down the bark of one maple. A woodpecker had broken the tree's bark, causing it to bleed sap. Early March is the time that sap flows freely and can be tapped to collect and boil down into maple syrup.

Watching the sap drip, it occurred to me that these maples have lessons to offer about living.

Every year, no matter what convulsions rock the world, maples carry on doing what they have done for many hundreds of years. Wind storms might shake them, their branches might sag painfully under the weight of heavy snow. Temperatures might fluctuate crazily, warming and freezing their juices.

But when temperatures settle to about plus five Celsius during the day and minus five during the night, the sap runs and can be collected to boil down into the excellent food source of maple syrup and maple sugar.

Whatever happens the maple does nothing in haste. It persists, living and working quietly and patiently. When tapped, it releases its sap not in a quick stream but drop by drop.

The maple expects the same from those who harvest what it produces. It rejects the human world's fast food thinking that encourages getting it all, and getting it quickly.

The maple never hurries. It takes five and a half days on average to give up the 40 gallons of sap needed to boil down to one gallon of maple syrup. It teaches that there are no high-tech solutions, just hard work and patience.

I decided to follow the example of the maple and take up practising patience for Lent and beyond. It will be a sacrifice; patience is not something that comes easy to most of us.

It has been said that patience has its limits and taken too far it can be considered cowardice. True enough in critical situations such as war and disease epidemics. Wait too long in battle before taking decisive action and the enemy will overrun you. Or in a health epidemic, delay action while waiting for more evidence and the disease runs unchecked and out of control.

But patience should not be seen as procrastination. It doesn't mean never objecting to something, or simply giving up.

Patience is taking the time to think things through to try to understand others and how they feel. In other words, taking time to prepare yourself before making decisions.

Patience is difficult to practise because it is so much easier just to become frustrated and angry.

Getting anything done thoroughly and successfully takes time. Patience is the ability to recognize that.

The maple has practised patience for centuries. It is an essential reminder of how we should behave during stressful times.

letters to the editor

Minden needs pre-flood meeting

To the Editor,

Will our Gull River flood this year? Maybe yes, maybe no. Do we know how ready we will be to respond to a flood during the next few months? No, we don't. All the more reason for a pre-flood information session and discussion at our community centre very soon.

Although many share a seasonal "flood anxiety," there will be individual and also location-specific concerns needing consideration. For instance, are there any filled sandbags in storage

ready to go? For fellow Anson Street residents, how may we ensure that, for once, the boat launch is properly protected before the street is flooded?

Let's get together to talk about our concerns, hear from our elected officials and town employees. We all need to plan for the best possible response, while there is still time.

John Gibb
Minden

Are we ready for flooding?

To the Editor,

As the flood season approaches in Minden, one cannot help but notice that the water in the Gull River has been dropping each night to depressingly low levels. With no information from any of the responsible agencies, it is impossible to know if this is part of a greater water management scheme or if in fact the authorities have forgotten that spring and high water in Minden are inevitable companions. Little preparation though appears to be underway in anticipation of that inevitability.

To whom do we ask the questions: Are we ready? Have the upstream lakes on the Gull River system been lowered enough to contain the inevitable run-off related water increases and why does silence appear to be the common thread around our yearly concern about flooding in Minden's Gull River flood plain?

Simple questions, but ones of vital importance to those who have homes that may be in danger of being inundated once again this year.

Gordon Graham
Minden

Submit your best snaps to photo contest

DORSET NEWS

Lee Ross
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The Ukrainian Easter Egg Workshop with Ginger Kulas is happening on Saturday, March 28 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Dorset Rec Centre. The cost is \$6 per person, ages 10 and up. Pre-registration is required. Call 705-766-9968 or email recreation@algonquinhighlands.ca to register.

The Township of Algonquin Highlands is selling surplus equipment including computer carrels, squat rack, preacher curl, bench press, dumbbell rack with dumbbells, two dumbbell racks with no dumbbells and a ping pong table. To place your bid go to

algonquinhighlands.ca/government/tenders--rfps.php. Auction closes March 23 and 24.

Algonquin Highlands Trails is having a Ski and Snowshoe the Frost photo contest. Submit your original photo of people snowshoeing or cross-country skiing for a chance to win one of five prizes from Sir Sam's Ski and Ride and the Twin Fires Restaurant, Stouffer Mill Bed and Breakfast, Algonquin Outfitters, Buttermilk Falls Resort and Yours Outdoors. Visit SkiTheFrost.ca to enter.

With temperatures starting to warm up, please remember to stay safe if you're venturing out on the ice. We're located in FMZ 15 and all ice huts need to be off the lake by March 31 or before ice breakup.

Happy birthday to Emma MacKay and Meghan Allore. For birthdays and submissions please send them to burgesslt@me.com.

Book of the Month - March



All Our Broken Pieces by L.D. Chrichton

Lennon Davis doesn't believe in much, but she does believe in the security of the number five. If she flicks the bedroom light switch five times, maybe her new L.A. school won't suck. Ten more flicks of the switch and maybe her new step-family will accept her. Twenty-five more flicks and maybe her loved ones will stop dying. Fifty times more and then she can finally go to sleep.

Kyler Benton witnesses this lightshow from his treehouse in the yard next door. It is only here, hidden and alone, that Kyler can fill his notebooks with the lyrics that reveal his own true scars. Lately, though, Kyler finds that the lonely girl next door is infiltrating his thoughts. He has enough to deal with, really, but he can't help but wonder, what's the story behind his tragic new muse?

Potential volunteers invited to wildlife sanctuary event

Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary is a volunteer-based charity that rescues, rehabilitates, and ultimately releases orphaned, sick and injured wildlife back into their natural habitat.

Are you passionate about animals? Are you interested in helping to save their lives? Would you like to find out more about what we do at Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary?

Come out and join us for our annual Volunteer and Supporter Meet and Greet on Sunday, March 22, at 2 p.m., at the sanctuary, 2146 Duck Lake Road, Minden.



Jenn, Jen and Linda in the nursery.

We'll take you on a tour of our nursery, intensive care unit, and outdoor enclosures, so dress appropriately for the weather.

We'll also show you a slideshow and video about the sanctuary and highlight what you can expect as a volunteer. We'll discuss our needs and answer any questions that you may have.

Please note that viewing of any wildlife currently in our care will be minimal as it causes undue stress to them. Refreshments served.

We are seeking volunteers to help us with a range of duties, and no previous experience is required, just a desire to help!

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Please RSVP at www.woodlandswildlifesanctuary.ca/volunteer.php or email us at info@woodlandswildlifesanctuary.ca. Looking forward to meeting you!

Submitted



What to do if you think you're having a heart attack

SOcial media is not the place you'd expect to see a post about having a heart attack. That's where I heard the news that a friend, Phil, had gone through that exact experience. He wrote, "For four minutes on Saturday I was gone from the world having suffered a cardiac arrest at the Civic Hospital." Thankfully it was at his wife's urging/firmness/orders that he went to the hospital in the first place.



LAURIE SWEIG
Practical Fitness

The beauty of the post is that he wrote it with the intention of saving someone else's life. As Phil states, heart attacks do not look like they do in movies. There are not always the warning signs, and there is never the scary background music that lets you know something bad is about to happen. As he said in his post, heart attacks can be "silent and subtle." They can be easy to dismiss.

That's what gets us into trouble.

The valuable pieces of information that I gained from his experience are:

- There's a feeling of tightness in the chest that may or may not spread to the jaws and arms;
- That tightness may subside and that's when we tend to talk ourselves into the "everything is fine" state of mind; and,

• The tightness or pain does not go away when you change the position of your body. In every First Aid course I have taken I've never heard this comment before. This is a keeper.

Phil has the hindsight to share this knowledge with us because he, thankfully, listened to his wife's urging and went to the hospital. It was there that he went into cardiac arrest. He stated in the post that there was no other warning before his heart stopped beating. Again – not like in the movies.

As it turns out I had a chance to talk to Phil before finishing this piece. He offered up two other points that he has realized since writing his post. The first is that we know our bodies. There were signs for him the night before the heart attack. His jaw was sore in a way he had never experienced before. The other was he experienced shortness of breath during activities that usually didn't bother him. Also, he was incredibly tired that night before and went to bed early. While these three things are not enough to send us running to the hospital, had he paid more attention to them he might have made the decision quicker to get help when the chest pains started.

The other point he said was get medical help as soon as you can. We don't like to draw attention to ourselves do we? Don't want to be a bother or seem weak. Overcoming that attitude can be the difference between life and death.

One other interesting point from Phil - he is now craving broccoli and cauliflower. Our bodies do know what we need. We need to learn to listen to them.

Something to think about.

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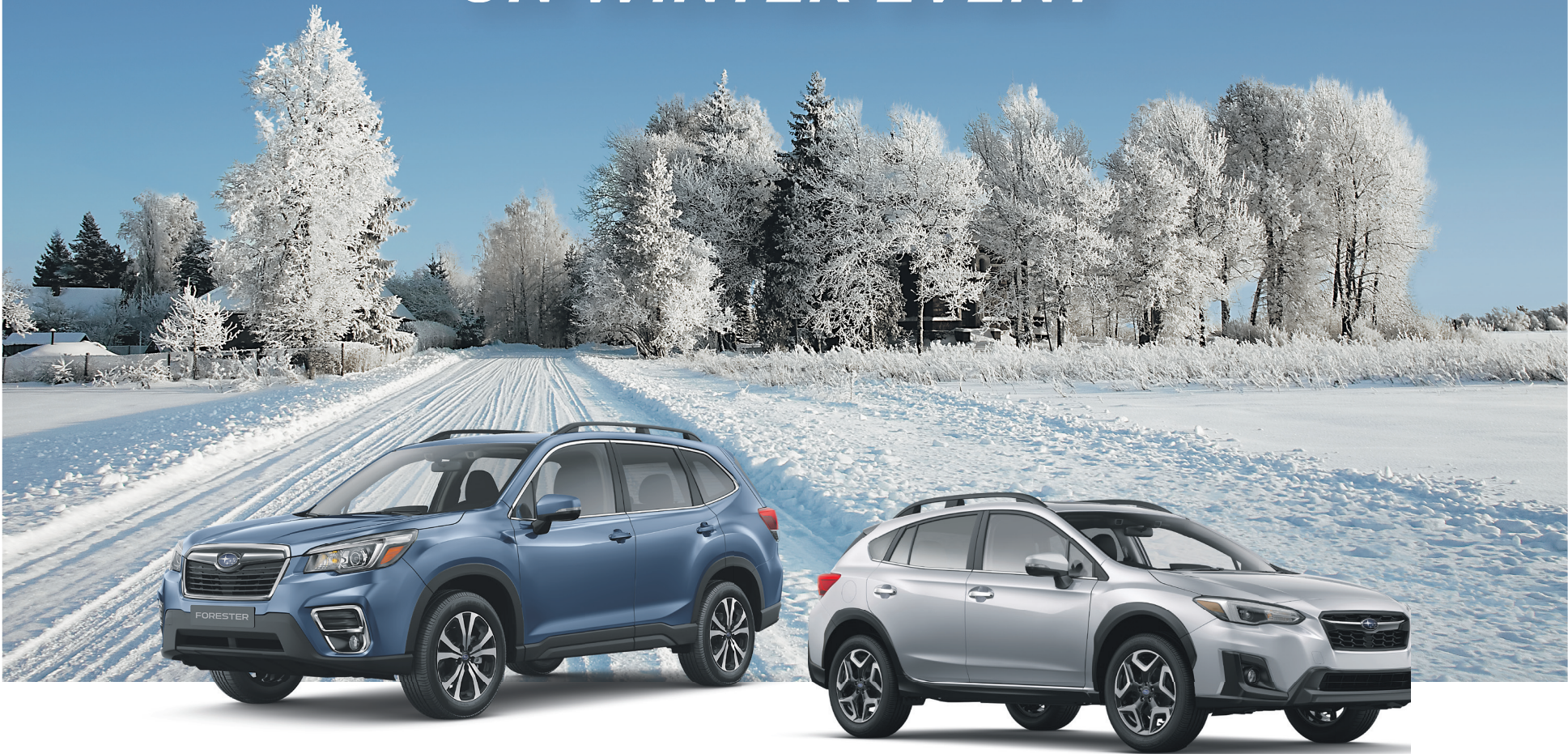





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Health agencies, school board prepare for COVID-19

by **SUE TIFFIN**
Times Staff

An automated voice message on the answering machine of the Haliburton Family Medical Centre tells callers that if they are experiencing potential symptoms of COVID-19 – fever, cough, difficulty breathing – to avoid any unscheduled visits to the clinic. Instead of presenting to health-care centres and emergency rooms, they should contact the local health unit for an assessment by phone prior to arranging to be tested.

“If you have a fever, and/or a new onset of a cough, or difficulty breathing, and you have travelled internationally in the 14 days before the onset of the illness, or have had close contact with a confirmed or probable case of coronavirus, or close contact with a person with acute respiratory illness, who has travelled internationally in the 14 days before their symptom onset, please alert clinic staff immediately,” the phone message says.

Calling ahead first helps frontline staff take precautions prior to being exposed to anyone who might have the very contagious illness, which is still considered to be at low-risk of transmission in Canada, according to public health officials.

On Monday this week, Canada reported the first death related to COVID-19, in British Columbia, while Ontario reported 36 confirmed cases of the virus and World Health Organization director-general Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said the coronavirus is closer to causing a

pandemic.

At press time, almost 116,000 cases of the virus had been reported by more than 100 countries worldwide, with most cases being noted in China, South Korea, Italy and Iran. Ontario’s first cases were reported at the end of January.

“The list of countries that are kind of the highest risk right now is getting fairly long and again the international travel could mean that you’re passing through, that you’ve been on a flight with someone else that has been in a high-risk country, through an airport, you name it,” said Kim Robinson, executive director, Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team, and office manager at the medical centre, who said that travel along with sickness is what can lead to an initial assessment.

Symptoms of COVID-19, which may take up to 14 days to appear after exposure and which might be mild, have included fever, cough, difficulty breathing and pneumonia in both lungs.

Robinson noted the information public health officials have is being updated frequently. “It’s changing, the landscape is changing daily with this outbreak, with this virus,” she said.

Should residents need further assessment, the public health unit will direct potential local cases of COVID-19 to centres that can do testing – right now, that means area hospitals, said Robinson, which have access to the tests, again calling ahead.

“Although the risk of becoming ill from COVID-19 continues to be low in Ontario, the local health unit and its community health partners are continuing to work together to ensure they are prepared should a case develop locally,”

reads a joint media release on March 2 from Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Pine Ridge health partners.

The media statement said that the local health unit was working with other health institutions in the region to ensure all are up to date.

“This includes sharing resources like the evolving case definitions, testing protocols, as well as infection prevention and control guidance and support and updated fact sheets on COVID-19. As well, the health unit provides support to the health-care partners to ensure active screening protocols are in place and that appropriate health care staff have been fit tested for the proper protective equipment.”

“There have been a number of improvements made in the way we prepare for wide-spread illnesses since we experienced SARS,” said Dr. Lynn Noseworthy, medical officer of health for the HKPR District Health Unit, in the press release. “Across the province we have seen improvements in communication about the illness and cases, improved laboratory testing protocols and quicker test results shared with health professionals for the stringent contact follow-up and management involving potential cases. The bottom line is that we are prepared for if, and when, we may see a case locally.”

Noseworthy noted that seasonal respiratory illnesses, including influenza, are still circulating in the community.

A letter sent home to families on March 5 by the Trillium Lakelands District School Board noted the board is in “close contact with our two public health units and will continue to follow their guidance and recommendations regarding the spread of COVID-19.”

“If we hear of a case of COVID-19 in one of our buildings, we would take immediate direction from the local health unit,” Sinead Fegan, TLDSB communications officer told the *Times*.

The school board said it is taking steps to be sure it is prepared for the spread of the illness.

“Currently we are making sure that all surface areas in schools are cleaned daily,” read the letter home. “Hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes are being delivered to schools. School staff will monitor the use of these products by students. There will be immediate replacement of custodial staff if a custodian must be absent.”

The letter reminded the school community to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the same way they might prevent the spread of cold and flu, through preventative measures that include hand washing, cough and sneeze etiquette, by staying home when sick, keeping clean and encouraging healthy habits like eating well, being physically active and getting enough sleep.

“It is important to reassure your children about their personal safety and health,” said the letter home. “Telling children that it is OK to be concerned is comforting.”

March Break takes place next week, and the board noted the risk to Canadian travellers abroad is generally low but will vary depending on the destination, recommending that parents consult the travel section on Ontario’s web site or at Canada’s travel.gc.ca. Students are currently not going on field trips due to labour actions, however the TLDSB did cancel international school trips planned for March and April – none were planned from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

A Fenelon Falls Secondary School and Lindsay Collegiate and Vocational Institute trip to Berlin, Prague, Krakow and Budapest planned to depart April 10 was announced to be cancelled on March 3.

“This cancellation comes amid travel advisories for much of Europe and Asia and a number of actions taken by governments to try to contain any further spread of the virus,” said Larry Hope, director of education, in a letter to parents and students regarding the decision. “We recognize that this will be disappointing however we are not prepared to risk illness for unnecessary travel. The school is currently working with the travel company and with students to find an alternate time to reschedule the trip at a later date. If this is not possible, information will be provided about accessing a refund.”

For more information on COVID-19, contact the health unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 5020, or visit www.hkpr.on.ca. After hours, people can call Telehealth Ontario for medical advice toll-free at 1-866-797-0000. People are also encouraged to continue to rely on credible sources of information about COVID-19, including daily updates at The Ontario Ministry of Health website (www.ontario.ca/coronavirus) or the Public Health Agency of Canada website (www.canada.ca/coronavirus)

INSPECTION

Inspection of Approved 2020-2021 Annual Work Schedule Bancroft-Minden Forest

The **Bancroft District Office** of the Ontario **Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)** has reviewed and approved the April 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021 Annual Work Schedule (AWS) for the **Bancroft-Minden Forest**.

Availability

The AWS will be available for public inspection for a fifteen day period at the Bancroft Minden Forest Company Inc. (BMFCI) Office and the Ontario government website at ontario.ca/forestplans, beginning **March 17, 2020** and available for viewing throughout the one-year duration of the AWS.

Scheduled Forest Management Operations

The AWS describes forest management activities such as road construction, maintenance and decommissioning, forestry aggregate pits, harvest, site preparation, tree planting and tending that are scheduled to occur during the year.

Tree Planting and Fuelwood

BMFCI is responsible for tree planting on the Bancroft-Minden Forest. Please contact Svetlana Zeran, General Manager, at 613-332-6890 for information regarding tree planting job opportunities.

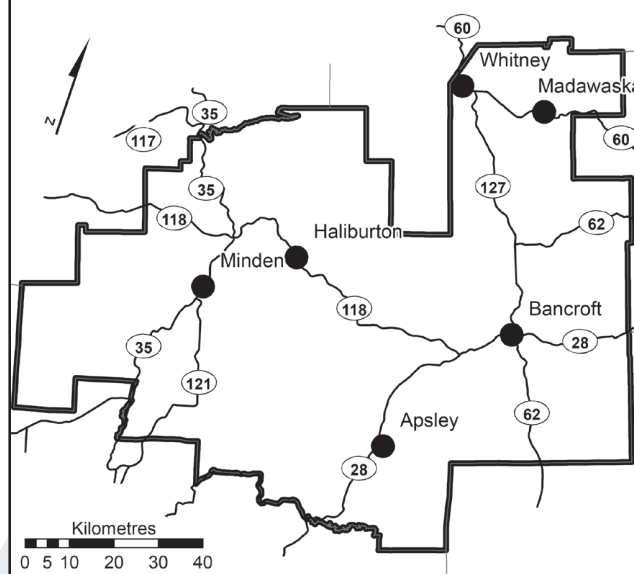
For information on the locations and licence requirements for obtaining fuelwood for personal use, please contact the MNRF Bancroft District Office, Glenn McLean at 613-332-3940, ext. 211. For commercial fuelwood opportunities, please contact BMFCI at 613-332-6890.

More Information

For more information on the AWS or to arrange an appointment with MNRF staff to discuss the AWS or to request an AWS operations summary map, please contact:

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SPORTS

Red Hawks curlers defend their gold medal at COSSA

The senior boys' Red Hawks curling team is having another great year. Monday, March 9, the Red Hawks played in the 2020 COSSA championship in Stirling, Ont. Two years ago, Red Hawks Liam Little and Jacob Dobson were part of the team



Two wrestlers compete provincially

Red Hawks wrestlers Nic Graham, left, and Eli Samson represented their team, their school and their community with "class and pride" at the 2020 OFSAA Wrestling Championship held from March 2 to 4 at the GLF Memorial Gardens in Sault Ste Marie. They didn't finish on the podium, but they both said they achieved both athletic and personal accomplishments. /DARREN LUM Staff

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that won silver at COSSA and missed gold by only a few centimetres. Last year, Liam Little, Jacob Dobson, and Corin Gervais won COSSA gold, and this year skip Jacob Dobson, vice Liam Little, second Corin Gervais and rookie Owen Nichols successfully defended their title and once again are champions, bringing home the COSSA gold! COSSA is a demanding schedule with three games in one day. It is a four-team round robin with only the top team progressing to OFSAA. The Red Hawks won their first game versus Eastside, 6-5. Then they defeated St. Peter's, 11-2. In the third game, they faced East Northumberland, who also had a record of 2-0, for the champion-

ship. East Northumberland had heard the Red Hawks were a good hitting team, so they avoided getting into a hitting duel; however, the Red Hawks were up to the challenge, and Jacob Dobson made great draw after great draw to pull ahead end after end. East Northumberland conceded after only five ends with a score of 7-1. The Red Hawks are also the 2020 Ontario School Provincial Curling Champion (formerly known as the Gores) and are heading into OFSAA competition March 25 to 28, jointly hosted by the Whitby, Port Perry, and Uxbridge Curling Clubs.

Submitted by Darrell Dobson

Hawks season ends against Panthers in COSSA

by DARREN LUM
Times Staff

There is plenty to feel good about for the Red Hawks senior boys' basketball team whose 2019-2020 season ended with a COSSA semi-final 50-27 loss to the Prince Edward Collegiate Panthers close to two weeks ago. With the ongoing labour issues between the province and the teachers' union, the past few weeks of the winter athletic season has been challenging on a logistic level with teachers unable to leave the school during school hours. Having administrative staff step in and help coach provided the opportunity to compete, which was a victory for the Hawks and other affected TLDSB secondary schools. The Panthers were going to be a tough out for the Hawks, as they entered play undefeated in the regular season in the Bay of Quinte area. Their lone loss came in the Bay of Quinte Championship and so they were looking to redeem themselves by winning the A COSSA Championships. Coach Paul Longo characterized the Hawks as having a solid game against the Panthers,

who were led by Alex Arsenault with 27 points. Arsenault had missed the previous six weeks with a broken hand and returned for the game and obviously didn't have any rust with his game. Along with the points, he also added six rebounds. Longo said in an email he "was a definite handful, but we made him work for his points." He adds losing to the Panthers, who advanced past the Hawks to finish as the COSSA A champs, softened the disappointment. The Panthers, he pointed out, are attending the all-provincials as medal hopefuls, entering as an eighth seed in the OFSAA tournament with a 20-team field of schools in the province. The future is bright for the team with up to 11 players expected to return, including captains and guards Camden Marra and Brian Kim. Longo said his guards "played solid at both ends of the floor." "We are looking good for next season with 10 or 11 returning players. Overall, incredible group of young men and the entire season was a highlight for coaches [Sam] Little, [me], and [Dave] Waito," he wrote in an email.

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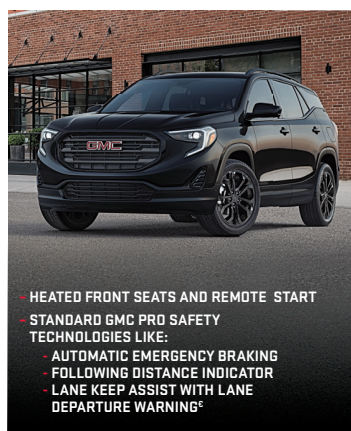
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Community Events

Want to get your event in Community Calendar? It's free! Contact Pat at classifieds@haliburtonpress.com

For the Love of our Land – Stories of Conservation

When: Wednesday, March 11, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Where: Haliburton Fish Hatchery

Hear conservation stories from Peter Dahl, Margaret and Leo Dobrzensky, the Bathe family, and Wayne Krangle. All have provided excellent stewardship of their land and two families have donated their properties to the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust. A partnership with Yours Outdoors Speaker Series. Please register through Yours Outdoors at www.yoursoutdoors.ca

Lenten Lunch

When: March 11

Where: Our Lady of the Fatima Catholic Church

Service at noon. Followed by soup lunch.

Cost: by donation.

No-Family Doctor Immunization Clinic

When: Wednesday, March 11

Where: Health Unit office (191 Highland Street, Unit 301) in Haliburton.

Free immunization clinics for families without a doctor. To book an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 1507.

Sexual Health Clinic

When: Wednesday, March 11, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm.

The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 1205.

Up Close with Ontario Wildlife

When: Saturday, March 14, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Where: Haliburton Fish Hatchery

Join interpreters from Speaking of Wildlife as they give you a chance to see, touch, and learn about some interesting Ontario wildlife species. A family friendly event. Please purchase tickets in advance at www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca or call 705-457-0455.

Admission: Adult \$15, Child \$10, Family \$35

The Country Hot Flashes

When: Saturday, March 14, 3 to 6 p.m. 50/50 draw at 6 p.m.

Where: Haliburton Legion, Clubroom

Cost: \$5.00 cover charge for non-members

Lenten Lunch

When: March 18

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Haliburton Highlands Outdoor Association-Fish Hatchery's Wild Game Dinner

When: Saturday, March 21, 5 p.m. cocktails, 6:30 dinner

Where: Haliburton Legion

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Pizza and bowling

Left, Finn Taylor-Bayly aims for the pins, sending the bowling ball between John Austin's legs as part of a bowling challenge at the Cadets' event at the Fast Lane in Minden recently. Twenty-four participants took part in the evening of bowling and pizza, which was open to Cadets and their guests from ages nine to 17.

Above, Clementine Bainbridge takes a bite of pizza. / DARREN LUM Staff

Ice hut removal dates nearing

Anglers are reminded that it's nearly time to remove their fishing huts from lakes.

"Ice fishing huts must be removed from the ice by the prescribed deadlines, with the exception of portable fish huts that are made of cloth or synthetic fabric that are seven square metres in size or less," says Ontario Conservation Officers Association president Sean Cronsberry, "ice huts that are left or abandoned on the ice can eventually fall through the ice and pollute our lakes, causing hazards to boaters during the open water season."

March 31 is the deadline to remove your ice hut in fisheries management zone 15, which includes Haliburton County.


"Many of our waterbodies have less ice this year compared to the last couple years and in some areas the ice may be gone before the ice hut removal date," says Cronsberry. "Anglers must ensure they remove their ice fishing huts while the ice conditions are still safe to do so."

Ice Hut Removal Dates:

March 1 in fisheries management zones (FMZ) 17 and 20

March 15 in FMZ 14, 16, 18, 19 and below the Lake Timiskaming dam in FMZ 12

March 31 in FMZ 9, 10, 11, 15 and above the Lake Timiskaming dam in FMZ 12



Bowling Scores

Monday, March 2

High Average (cumulative)

Women – Cathy Snell – 219

Men – Rick West – 220

This Week's Highs – Women

High Single – Norma Terro – 284

High Single Hcp – Norma Terro – 349

High Triple – Norma Terro – 605

High Triple Hcp – Norma Terro – 800

This Weeks Highs – Men

High Single – Dale Freitag – 252

High Single Hcp – Dale Freitag – 294

High Triple – John Whitty – 294

High Triple Hcp – John Whitty – 722

Tuesday Afternoon Bowling for March 3

Men

High Average – Claude Cote – 196

High Single – Claude Cote – 259

High Single H/C – Claude Cote – 282

High Triple – Claude Cote – 597

High Triple H/C – Bill Clendenning – 694

Women

High Average – Chris Cote – 179

High Single – Mabel Clendenning – 204


High Single H/C – Maureen Fahl – 253

High Triple – Mabel Clendenning – 570

High Triple H/C – Mabel Clendenning – 711

Haliburton Red Wolves scores

Skylar Pratt 185, Lisa Burke 176, Sarah Hudson 163, Brodie Mason 162, Andrea Austin 159, Kim Buie 145



Call for Tender

The Township of Algonquin Highlands is seeking sealed bids from qualified, experienced trades to renovate the Stanhope Library as per the design, to achieve accessibility to the building entrance, basement and upper floor.

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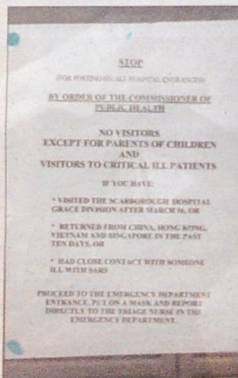
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In Quotes

"I didn't know if we could
pull it off."

Eleanor Harrison, page 1

Tim Hortons coming to Minden

by SHERYL LOUCKS
Times Staff

Minden Hills councillors are hoping to "roll up the rim to win" soon after representatives from Tim Hortons and Pioneer Petroleums announced their intention to build new locations along Highway 35.

The two reps came to council last week armed with a couple of boxes of timbits and a diagram

of how they plan to transform the former Dave's On 35 into a new gas station, convenience store and Tim Hortons. The deputization was essentially a courtesy call to let council know they are interested in moving into the neighbourhood and to see what it would take to get Minden to roll out the welcome wagon.

The project is subject to Ministry of Transportation and

local permit approval.

The proposed location is between the old OPP station and the Subway franchise. The property is currently owned by the Masri family. Dave's On 35, a seasonal restaurant, was there for approximately eight years and the property was sold a year and a half ago, says Minden ReMax realtor Bill Kulas.

"We have obtained a bonafide

buyer. The conditions of sale are subject to township approval. The buyer (Pioneer) contacted us through a representative and put together a proposal last October. These large commercial sales take time," says Kulas. "I think this bodes well for the area. It will encourage growth and promote growth. It's good for the community."

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Darren Lum/TIMES

Heave ho

Minden's Dave Sisson and his horses, Nick and Jim, work together as a team to log local forests. Last week they were working near Gooderham. Photographer Darren Lum's photo essay is on page 8

Stanhope to stay in riding

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times Staff

It's not very often that a reporter's phone call can make a politician whoop with excitement.

"Oh good, that is absolutely fantastic," Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison said with much enthusiasm when she found out, through *The Times*, that she and other politicians had convinced Elections Canada to keep Stanhope in the riding of Haliburton, Victoria, Brock.

Not only that, but the commissioners in charge of re-drawing the boundary map even gave Sherborne et al back to the riding.

"This is tremendous," Harrison said upon hearing the news Thursday night. "I didn't know if we could pull it off."

Her deputy-reeve, Don Shortreed, was a bit more skeptical. "You're kidding," he said when he heard the news – and he wasn't kidding that he thought the newspaper was kidding. "Is this a joke?"

A few moments later, he was as ecstatic as Harrison. "Well I'll be darned," he said. "That's really good news."

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey had already heard the news by the time the newspaper

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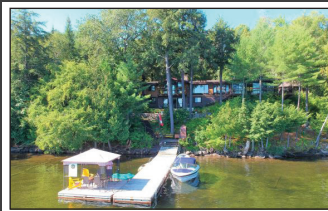
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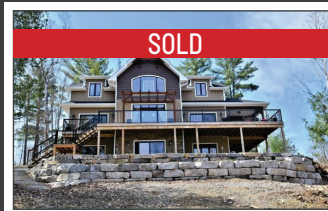
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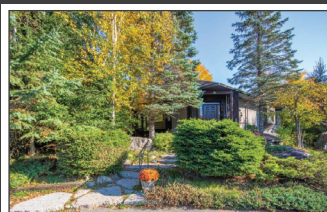
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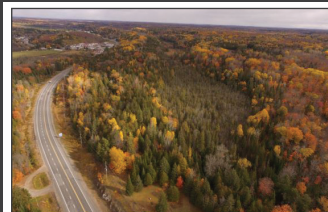
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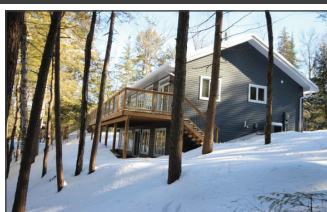
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